SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 408

WHEREAS, Students of the National Wildlife Federation's

Earth Tomorrow Program are visiting the State Capitol on

March 21, 2005, and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity

to recognize a truly outstanding group; and

WHEREAS, Aiming to improve environmental literacy and leadership skills of underserved inner city youth, this innovative program encourages high school students to understand the natural world and its implications in their everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, Earth Tomorrow incorporates specialized curriculum, field trips, guest speakers, and a residential summer institute to teach students about their local environment and the positive impact they can have in their communities; participants discover their local watershed and learn how their actions can affect this important ecological element and ultimately the health of the Galveston Bay; and

WHEREAS, By developing and implementing environmental action projects that foster coalition building within their communities, members learn leadership skills and are exposed to practical steps leading to an understanding of environmental careers and career paths in general; and

WHEREAS, Students from the Houston Independent School
District's Madison, Worthing, Jack Yates, and Cesar Chavez
High Schools are participating in the Earth Tomorrow Program, and their commitment to such a worthy endeavor is indeed commendable; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas,

79th Legislature, hereby welcome the students of the Earth

Tomorrow Program to the State Capitol and extend to them sincere
best wishes for a memorable visit.

Ellis, Gallegos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 21, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate